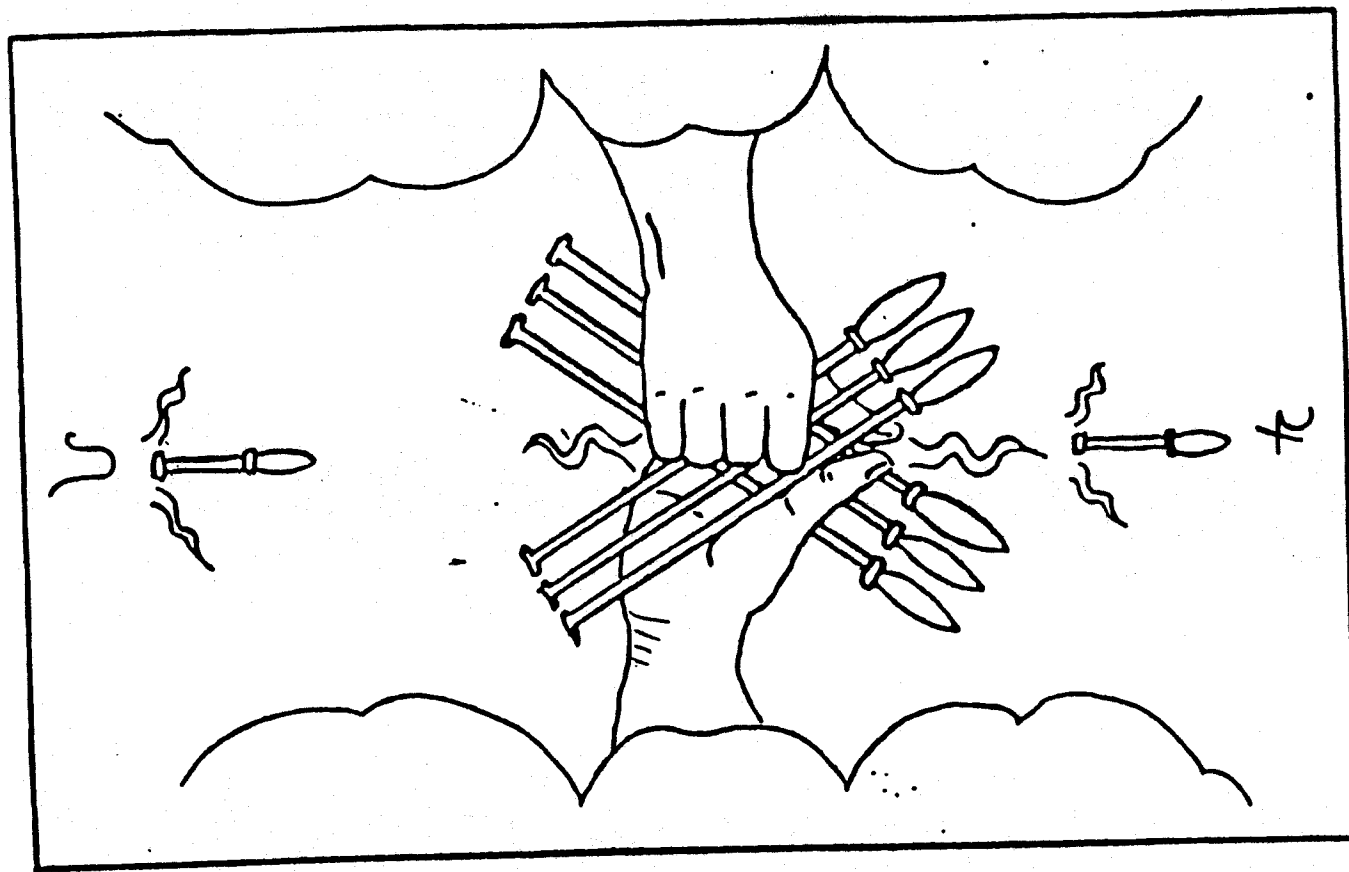


LESSON 57

6 OF WANDS



## LESSON 57

## 6 OF WANDS

"Lord of Victory"

10 to 20 degrees Leo

4 in 5

Two hands in the grip of the last card, holding six wands crossed. Flames issue from the point of junction. Above and below are short wands with flames issuing.

A powerful force is shown here, not as strong as in the card "Strength" but something powerful and well balanced - a successful consolidation of power. Each hand shows the symbol of the triad, which reflects the governing triumvirate of authority in the Order. This card shows victory through unification, another completed phase has ended. It is a symbol of the power of the Inner and Outer Order working in harmony through progressionary stages.

The centre of the crossed wands represent Tiphareth and the pattern within giveth four diamonds, which when acting in the fire element, representeth "Luminous Being", "the mystic centre", and "the unconquerable" which is synonymous to the name of this card "Lord of Victory". Victory is not gained without a fight and in this the 6 of Wands becomes Victory after Strife of the 5 of Wands. Pleasure is gained through labour.

The Higher Self operates within the physical body but it must overcome the Lower Self. In doing so the physical body becomes the throne from which the Higher Self works towards the purification of the Soul. It is said in the Book of Dead Ch. CX: 'Of Victory there; of Glory there...I conquer by this my most mighty word which is within my body, for is not this my throne?' The 6 of Wands is also representative of the subduing of ones passions and emotions and the stilling of the mind. 'Its power is perfect if it is converted into earth' (Emerald Tablet). The result is heaven within earth, and in this there is ultimate power.

The 6 of Wands is the product of the bolting energy of the 5 of Wands. This energy has levelled off and come into a state of equilibrium. From this state the life force acts with ease and harmony, but it is like unto a spinning top - momentum must be continued with no disruption, or disharmony will arise. Disharmony is of course inevitable, nothing remains calm. The 6 of Wands can be likened to the eye of the hurricane or likened to the calm before the storm.

The 6 of Wands is coloured in the King Scale. The wands are Vivid Violet representing the planet. The backdrop is Poison Yellow (Greenish Yellow) representing the sign. The clouds and hands are Brilliant White showing spirit manifesting from Kether through the fire element. The flames issuing from the Wands are in the complementary colour of the backdrop, Rich Violet.

The colours of this card emanate spiritual and creative love, wisdom and intuition. It is the higher brain centre. It giveth freedom and bringeth innate understanding and direction. Trends in culture and politics prevail and are moulded to a designed purpose. Their nature is expansive. The energies of these colours are concentrated in the middle pillar, its sephiroth and paths.

The planet and sign of the 6 of Wands is Jupiter in Leo. Jupiter in Leo can mean vain glory and arrogance, or dignity and benevolence. Although two extremes, they are "one" in a potential quality. If power is expressed selflessly a complete fulfilment can be obtained. Here we have the teacher and counsellor, drama, religion and fraternal activities. Publicity appeals as acknowledgement of ones achievements by others is of importance, and in fact motivates action and enthusiasm where there ordinarily would not have been. Jupiter in Leo gives the tendency to create a social mask - the persona. In time contact with the real self is lost. One can become like a chameleon to outside influence, all for the need for acceptance. For the energies of Jupiter in Leo to work properly, there must be a total sense of purpose for a non-superficial end; one must go forward with free creative expression, risks must be taken to actualize this expression and to learn to manage the power that flows through Jupiter in Leo. Jupiter in Leo is concerned with high minded concepts, its nature is gentle and kind. It gains esteem over time and is very ceremonial in approach to life. It gives the ability to penetrate into finite details of ritual or

any form of ceremony; it gives a retentive memory. The expansion of the "I" to the "We" on the unevolved works on an unconscious level. The job for those with Jupiter in Leo is to work the later on a conscious level.

Tiphareth of Yod (Gain).

#### DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF the Physical Body; Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

The 6 of Wands in this position tells that one must begin to obtain a clear conscious understanding of ones selfhood. Personal expression then becomes free flowing and harmonious in response to outside stimuli. When enquiring about the physical body, the 6 of Wands represents good health, a time of peace and comfort. There is a tendency to overindulge which can cause gain in weight. Beliefs are strongly religious, combined with a deep spiritual need to help others. This position offers the opportunity to grow and reach ones fullest potentials, therefore, it is very favourable for any question on ones personal, or another individuals personal expression. The Key word for the 6 of Wands in this position is "Opening".

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material;

principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

In matters of commerce the time is right to act for financial gain, and it is also favourable for the financial affairs of the above concerns. As the 6 of Wands is of the fire element its main concerns are not with material gain but with gain of vital power, personal and/or and spiritual growth; this is how one must look at this card under the above matters. Opportunity is given to attain prophecy and an insight into the cosmic law - mankind's destiny. The 6 of Wands advises that this is a time when you must take full advantage of your creative potentials. Create within yourself great possession and wealth, be fulfilled. "Take Advantage".

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

A deep sense of loyalty to ones kin shows up when the 6 of Wands is positioned here. There is a great deal of coming and going; short journies, usually for the sake of loved ones; family gatherings and dealings. The best is given to such affairs. The way is paved for opportunity in education giving general success in that area after hard work and effort. Be optimistic in all the above matters and expand your mind. Receipt of letters and much communication. Unnecessary travel can waste time when one

could be using it for development. This is a time to prepare for the future. "Preparing".

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in life's directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

With the 6 of Wands in this position it is advised that it is time for consolidation; pick up the flow of energy and direct it into a structural form. This also relates to the building of the physical and spiritual base to work from, hence, even in times of chaos, there is stability. This is a fortunate position for the 6 of Wands and all matters can be read thus. The querent is likely to receive benefit, or something of benefit. There is happiness in the home. If taking a new direction in life the time is fortunate. The Key word for the 6 of Wands here is "Consolidate".

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

Children are (and must be) given as much as possible, the opportunity to develop and learn. It is a position of romance, love and good luck for the 6 of Wands. In maintaining grace it is fortunate in all of the above matters but in excessiveness the equilibrium is soon shattered. A valuable lesson that is taught



from the 6 of Wands in this position is the application of the Creative Will. Let the querent take heed of the virtues given in this card and apply its wisdom in ones daily life. One must stand separate from the self and look on, thus guiding each action and thought with clarity, which in time will come to full understanding. "Understanding".

ON MATTERS OF sickness (generally due to work problems); employment; employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; ones sense of service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

In this position the 6 of Wands governs homeopathy and spiritual healing. One should concentrate on healing the body and mind as there is a threat of ailments. While things appear won over and currently easy, you must demand from yourself a constant flow of application in your work, otherwise carelessness sets in and victory does not last. The 6 of Wands provides a chance to look into the future, foresight into the results of your current actions. It advises one to put enthusiasm into effort to strive towards efficiency and furthering of the self. These energies are free flowing, if there is any obstruction it is most probably of the psyche, not of external circumstances. The Key word is "Prediction".

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what

is lacking; the workings of karma:

'She that weds will wisely match her love, Nor be below her husband - Nor above". (Ovid). The 6 of Wands advises that the querent should be confident in his/her decisions and that it is time to capitalize on resources. Life's concerns work in equilibrium, so much so that one can be easily swayed by others as both sides of the penny can be seen. It also advises that one is desirous of great love and also prepared to give love, but be aware of the direction of feelings as these tend to be all encompassing. In personal relationships such feelings cause conflict - love is selfish. The 6 of Wands is fortunate for contracts of all forms and relationships in general. "Prosper".

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

The 6 of Wands advises that the lesson of Conservation of Energy must be learnt. Financial benefit and income must be converted into working assets. This position shows inner sight into matters, and the querent is advised to trust his inner voice, but he should sleep on decisions until he is sure the picture is clear. A single individual can exercise his fullest potential when working in unity with another where personal resources and energies are combined. The 6 of Wands warns that there is a danger of wasting energies on acting too soon in ones

private and business affairs. This action causes delays and additional expenditure of energy to rectify the situation. The secret is "when to act and when to remain still". The Key word for the 6 of Wands in this position is "Calculated Action".

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

The 6 of Wands is in its element in this position. Philosophy is the power of being and one would do well in applying their energies to higher religion, metaphysical studies or to the Church. Positions of importance can be achieved and explored avenues put into operation. Travel is likely but only for a defined purpose. A powerful momentum can set up from this position, far beyond the querent's recognition of how, why and for what end. One can be carried along for the ride and then eventually spun off by the momentum, or you can latch on to this power, absorbing it, channelling ones energies along its lines, and then through this becoming quite a formidable force.

"Power".

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached; achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

When asking about your profession, the 6 of Wands answers

that times are fortunate and that a great deal has been confronted and overcome with the results now available to use to ones benefit. Achievements are great and honour is derived from these. The 6 of Wands is good in all aspects. Goals and ambitions are won over and one is identified with success. Be proud. A parent is well loved but must learn to let others develop their own self discipline. This parent may be in a position of prominence. The 6 of Wands represents Victory under the above matters. It represents an energy that is not too forceful and not too soft; a force that adjusts to circumstances. The Key word is "Victory".

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government; counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

Groups work in harmony through progressionary stages. Legal, diplomatic, and legislative controversies are won. It is a time of fulfilment and achievement. If questioning someones advice the 6 of Wands shows that it was given with wisdom and if carried out, likely to be successful. In unification there is victory, therefore the 6 of Wands favours all group activities. You are warned to let others express their own creative talents and get on with the development of the self. Do not exploit others. The Key word for the 6 of Wands in this position is "Fulfilment".

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

Through hard work cometh the fulfilment of hopes and wishes. Here the 6 of Wands represents the power of the Second Order. All past actions are now judged. You cannot get off with sympathy or excuses. All present and future actions are deliberate and you must answer for what you Will or allow your ego to run away with. You are expected to be responsible for your thoughts, desires, intent and reaction. You must maintain equilibrium internally and externally making each thought and result thereof one of Will - Pure Will. Illnesses shown by the 6 of Wands are Apoplexy, fatty degeneration of the heart, and fevers. These are not beyond help and the most positive help you can get is through your own Will. You have nobody else to blame but yourself if you do not do all that is within your power to help yourself. The Key word is "Will".

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6 of Wands: "Lord of Victory"

(Second Stage Putrefaction - gestation)

In 1st position:	"Opening"
In 2nd position:	"Take Advantage"
In 3rd position:	"Preparing"
In 4th position:	"Consolidate"
In 5th position:	"Understanding"
In 6th position:	"Prediction"
In 7th position:	"Prosper"
In 8th position:	"Calculated Action"
In 9th position:	"Power"
In 10th position:	"Victory"
In 11th position:	"Fulfilment"
In 12th position:	"Will"

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#### MEDITATION ON THE SIX OF WANDS:

Let the Student first study the overall picture of the card, then study each detail. Study the colours.

Now let the Student look at the card and feel its vibrations.

Write down your overall impression.

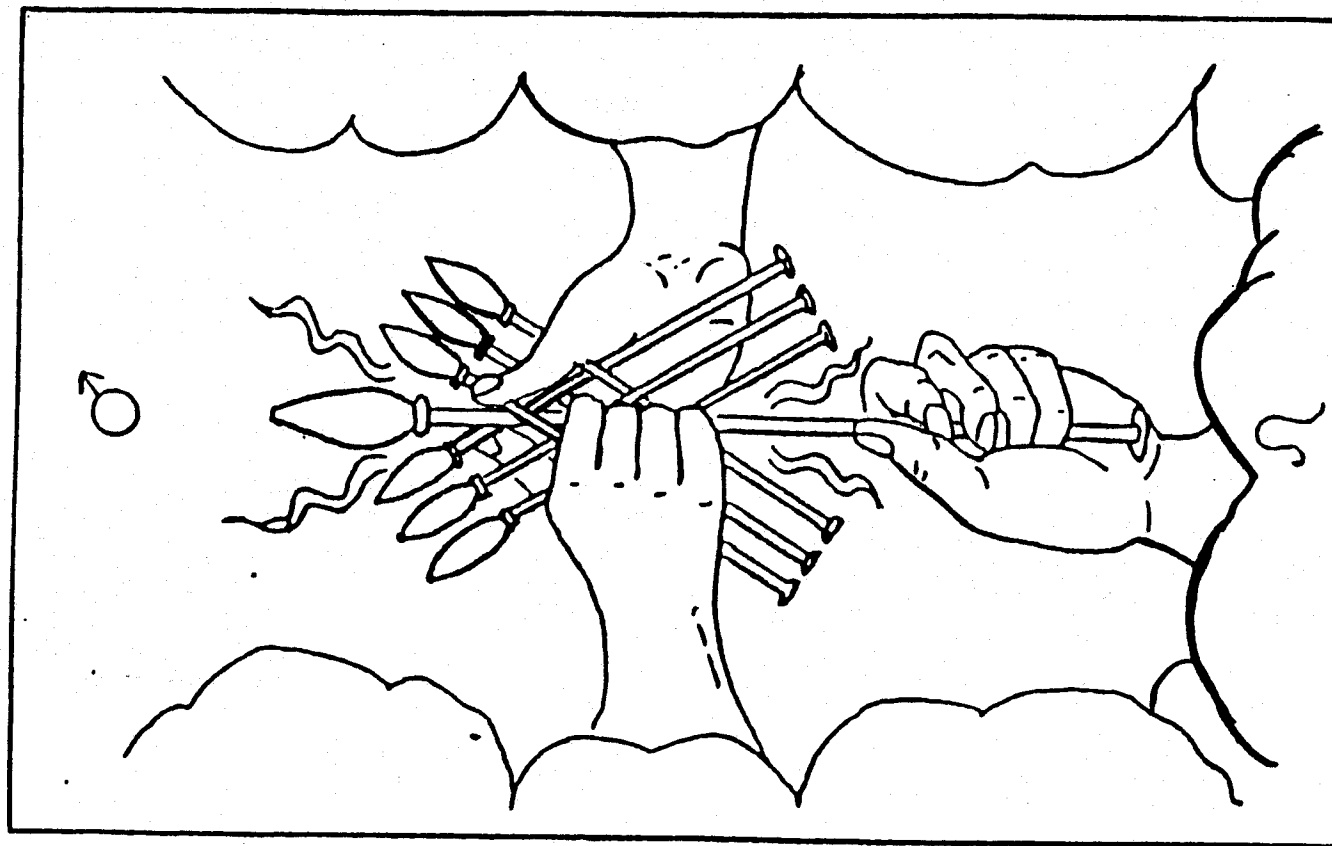
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#### exercise

Now paint this card with the above described colours. An outlined drawing is supplied with this lesson.

LESSON 58

7 OF WANDS



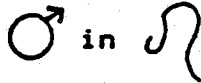


## LESSON 58

## 7 OF WANDS

"Lord of Valour"

20 to 30 degrees Leo



Two hands holding six wands, three crossed. A third hand issuing from a cloud at the lower part of the card holding an upright wand which passes between the others. Flames leap from the point of junction.

The two hands meeting on the horizontal show strength, balance and harmony (see 6 of Wands). The introduction of a larger central wand reinforces the power of the 6 of Wands to a stage further - a card of struggle. Victory on its own has no support and direction, therefore the additional wand brings forth this element of direction, and support (stable government). Now one can progress, but even when progressing after victory, one encounters difficulties and obstacles. An element also must be introduced that will provide the force necessary to overcome obstacles no matter what and this is shown in the card by the number of hands being three - a type of perfection, a perfect number of direction for the powerful force.

The 7 of Wands has been called "Lord of Valour". Valour means one can encounter danger with firmness. What necessitates firmness is the central wand which gives support to bravery and

the victory previously attained. The initial impetus is thus carried through making changes and adjustments, so that all works with and not against the new energies.

With discretion and the use of frugality in judgment, each and everyone are given their role in the furtherance of growth, even if first there is destruction and separation. Each being, functioning individually for the greater whole gives an overall powerful force. The Emerald Tablet says this: 'Separate the earth from the fire and the subtle from the gross, softly and with great prudence.'

The 7 of Wands is painted in the colours of the King Scale. The backdrop is coloured in the colour of the sign - Poison Yellow. The wands are the colour of the planet - Scarlet. The flames are coloured Rich Violet. The clouds and hands are Brilliant White showing spirit manifesting from Kether through the fire element.

From these colours we see a picture of energy, not one of rushed energy as in the 2 of Wands, or of expansive energy as with the 6 of Wands, but one of warmth, gradually filtering out and becoming all encompassing. Together, these colours allude to an initiative, staying power, and the power of recycling using every bit of potential available. The energies are regenerating thus able to overcome weakness. In this there is the power to heal and revitalize the depleted, but its action is slow and steady.

The planet and sign represented by the 7 of Wands is Mars in Leo which gives willpower and energy, stability, significance and determination. It inspires confidence and initiative. The nature is strongly competitive and is very masculine in outward expression making the male very attractive to the female as the male's vitality is strongly sensed. It also has domination tendencies and the creation of a belief of self-infallibility. Mars in Leo is strong and generates success, honour and authority. There is rashness in matters of love and one is not so lucky with children. Its nature is also generous and sincere, affectionate, enthusiastic and sociable; capable of a fast temper and militant. Positions of responsibility and authority are more than likely. Disease and accidents are common to Mars in Leo if it is afflicted.

Wherever this card occupies there is struggle of one form or another.

Netzach of Yod (opposition yet courage).

#### DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF the Physical Body; Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

When receiving the 7 of Wands in this position the querent

is advised to self-promote himself and advertise his talents. When concerning others you have the power to urge them to achievement even if they lack enthusiasm. It is through the Will that you will bring forcefulness and a release of power in your expression. There is danger of a personal approach becoming narrow and one being overcome by emotional intensity. The life force must be held stable and channelled if you want growth and development; one can push too hard and too fast, thereby destroying all ones previous hard work. The key word for the 7 of Wands in this position is "Pushing".

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

In this position the 7 of Wands depicts that there is or will be a strain on the finances with the necessity to spend more to keep all under control. This also includes a strain on ones personal resources which are frequently called on to keep everything in order. The querent must learn that giving too much of the self at any one time creates a depletion of energy, Will and any desire to continue. Keep a strong control over how much you give of the self, financially, psychologically and physically. Do nothing on impulse - think before you act. The key word for the 7 of Wands in this position is "Strained".

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity;

Relationships will have to be worked at if you want to maintain them. There is an element of ruthlessness with the 7 of Wands in this position, which will not accept 'no' as an answer and continues to persist at all costs. Measured risks may be taken with probable success being the outcome. All forms of communication must be made with care and do not leave any avenue open for contradiction. There are many areas to choose from when looking at literature, travel and personal relationships. In fact one may find that the momentum of activities necessitate travel further than originally intended, so be prepared, as you will have to act quickly. "Persisting Force".

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in lifes directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

Although fulfilling your family's needs is a pressing issue the 7 of Wands points out that your needs must also be considered. You must be firm with others and single purposed in all of your tasks until all is completed, of which no doubt you now are. In this position the 7 of Wands shows someone expending a lot of energy against difficult odds. This could be in the search of a new home and purchase of land, or the reverse, the

sale of land, or concerning the hard work involved in moulding ones land and home to suit ideals. What has been achieved will now be worked on to maintain, or improve. "Exertion".

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

The 7 of Wands under the above matters advises that one must take on the attitude of the survival of the fittest. There is no sympathy for those who cannot keep the pace, who fall by the wayside - that is their fate and in most cases, their choice in failing, which they alone must experience. In sport and any form of competition, whether it be the applying for a part in a play or gambling, there is an opponent that may have more power and ability than you had bargained for. Therefore there will be a struggle for the top in whatever direction you go. Impulses can lead to trouble and one can get lost in the passion of romance. Desire and instinct are to the fore and you are warned to watch out for risks. "Survival".

ON MATTERS OF sickness (generally due to work problems); employment: employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; ones sense of service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

Under the above matters the 7 of Wands represents difficulties that can be overcome if one takes stock of oneself and has

the courage to meet face to face with their difficulties. To maintain physical health is an endless battle, but if you are ill you become drained of energy and may have heart or circulation problems which, when dulling the senses and reflexes, lead one into accidents. Avoid drugs during this period. Avoid food that causes fermentation. Within the work environment there are arguments which do not add to ones health. Learn that your skills are your most valuable assets and act decisively as this is really a terrific time to transform oneself while under duress, through discipline of the self and service to others. "Courage".

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

You may be rushed or want to rush into some new association or relationship, but it is advised that postponement of commitments will save the day for you. Current commitments will be taxing and you must fulfil all present responsibilities if you do not want to put your future commitments into jeopardy. There is an element of escapism from the self and from external influences into social experiences, avoiding responsibilities. These are the workings of Karma in your life giving you two choices - which way do you go - or do you merely compensate. Being in two camps at once looses both opportunities. Do not confuse responsibility with devotion or cause. "Responsibility".

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

The 7 of Wands warns that one must act with caution in all financial business affairs as there is an element of risk. There may be obstruction in receiving inheritance - or partners may over spend. This position shows one over indulging in personal pleasures and wasting energy on trivialities. The resources necessary are available, its up to the individual to utilize them prudently. The querent is warned not to sway from pressing concerns and to see them through. On the esoteric side the 7 of Wands shows one who blocks off the inner power and the inner planes, one who strides along a very precarious path attempting to conquer physical matter with purely physical means.

"Precariousness".

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

In this position the 7 of Wands shows that your thoughts belong to the moment. Movements in any direction are expansive, travelling far. What has been won up to this point has been satisfactory in itself but has not fulfilled your desires whether they be the power of material wealth or the power of the spirit -



whatever the goal, it is power of some kind. Because of this, one presses on searching within each moment as it comes. This mode of action is normally subconscious. A great deal can be achieved with this aspect, but it is of no importance, just a means to an end. For this, endless faith and courage is needed to continue against all odds. From another point of view you can always be trying to live up to others' expectations - that in itself is a mammoth task. "Power Hungry".

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached; achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

In you attempt to attain goals there will be tension as many other interests will need to be satisfied at the same time. To rise to any form of prominence you will need a great deal of creative effort. You must work hard to succeed, and from your work your family will gain an advantage in life. A crisis will have to be met which coincide with obstacles and antagonism. This will not be an easy road. All that can be said is to "push on". If you are consciously aware of what you must encounter and how it all fits into the cosmic plan you will be able to channel your inner power, concentrating it solely on the dedicated purpose. "Concentration".

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government; counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals;

fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

This position is one of reforming, pioneering and experimenting. There is liable to be conflicts with associates, advisers and friends concerning these issues and ones personal ideas of how things are to be are usually not accepted. The 7 of Wands shows an element of force in all that is done in relation to the above matters, thus causing disputes with those who wish to oppose. The main emphasis is to better oneself, the community, or your country, and to do that you must reform not just functions and energies, but the mind and beliefs whether it be of the self or others. The lesson to be learnt is subtlety in applying your energies and ideas. "Reform".

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

The 7 of Wands shows in this position that there are undoubtedly hidden enemies (external) but you will always overcome any influence they have if you push on relentlessly. But, the most powerful enemy is the self - your complexes, unconscious, and your past. These are the ever increasing obstacles obstructing free flow of energy and growth. These are what you must forever work out on an inner level. The 7 of Wands advises that now is a good time for spiritual investigation into your own inner layers

(encountering yourself), as now the old skeletons are more and more vivid and of more intensity. "Turn Inwards".

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Z of Wands: "Lord of Valour"

(Third Stage Putrefaction - rebirth)

In 1st position:	"Pushing"
In 2nd position:	"Strained"
In 3rd position:	"Persisting Force"
In 4th position:	"Exertion"
In 5th position:	"Survival"
In 6th position:	"Courage"
In 7th position:	"Responsibility"
In 8th position:	"Precariousness"
In 9th position:	"Power Hungry"
In 10th position:	"Concentration"
In 11th position:	"Reform"
In 12th position:	"Turn Inwards"

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#### MEDITATION ON THE SEVEN OF WANDS:

Let the Student first study the overall picture of the card, then study each detail. Study the colours.

Now let the Student look at the card and feel its vibrations.

Write down your overall impression.

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**exercise**

Now paint this card with the above described colours. An outlined drawing is supplied with this lesson.